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Rally Sun. to counter Sears 'union-busting'

For 24 weeks now, Retail Clerks in San Francisco have been on strike against Sears Roebuck, the largest retail chain in the nation and perhaps the world.

Every person who works for a living in the Bay Area has a stake in the outcome. And everyone can do something about it by attending a Labor Unity Rally to Win the Sears Strike on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. at the Orpheum Theatre, 8th and Market Streets, San Francisco. Political and community leaders and entertainment will keep things lively.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council is distributing leaflets explaining the situation, urging attendance at the rally, and pointing out other ways to help. First: Don't shop a Sears. Second: Attend the rally. And third: Help picket or distribute leaflets; call 863-3823 to find out when and where.

With over 850 outlets in the United States, Sears has resisted and blocked union organization in all but four of its stores. Two of them are in San Francisco, on Geary and Mission Streets and are now being struck. The other two are in Detroit and in East St. Louis. Unions in these stores have been recognized by Sears largely because of the added weight given to Sears workers by the striking union organization of workers in these cities.

The reverse is also true: if Sears workers go down it

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Decriminalize non-victim crimes, CLC urges in

The apprehension and punishment of people for "crimes" which hurt nobody but themselves is a huge waste of tax money and police resources at a time when real crime, with victims, is an increasing problem, the Alameda County Central Labor Council declared in a policy resolution last week.

Furthermore, it generally constitutes an infringement of liberty and invasion of property, the council suggests.

For these basic reasons, the CLC declared itself to be in favor of changing laws to "decriminalize the victimless crime." Meanwhile, courts and police departments should "spend maximum energies on crimes with victims."

The resolution was submitted by the council's Community Services Committee, headed by Carl Jaramillo.

Richard K. Groulx, executive secretary-treasurer of the council, said he realized that the CLC was in no position to effect any immediate change in the situation. "However, the resolution is valuable as a white paper to guide us on council policy in making day to day decisions," he said.

Here is the text of the resolution:

RESOLUTION ON VICTIMLESS CRIMES

"WHEREAS one out of every three people in this metropolitan area have either been mugged, robbed, or has suffered property loss in 1973, and . . .

Non-victim crimes are in the areas of public drunkenness, vagrancy, loitering, gambling, prostitution, homosexuality, sexual acts between consenting adults, distribution and sale of

pornography, possession of illegal drugs for one's own use, and laws prohibiting and restricting a woman's right to choose whether or not to bear children, and . . .

"The government is responding to all crime by proposing preventative detention, increased use of wiretapping, 'no-knock' house searches, reversal of recent United States Supreme Court decisions guaranteeing minimum rights to suspects, and in general the increase of police powers, and . . .

"In 1970 victimless crimes accounted for \$20 billion of the nation's \$51 billion annual crime bill and that "every man, woman and child in the United States

suffers a tax of more than \$100 a year for the inclusion of non-victim crime in the criminal justice system, and . . .

"Law enforcement agencies continue to arrest people for victimless crimes thereby placing an intolerable burden on the criminal justice system, and . . .

"The National Council on Crime and Delinquency, The National Alliance for Safer Cities, and The National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals, whose two year study was acclaimed by former Attorney General Richardson as perhaps 'the most important report on crime control ever compiled in

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Reservations urged for 'unionist of year' dinner



RUSSELL CROWELL

Local unions which have not yet made reservations for the "Unionist of the Year" dinner on Friday, March 8 should do so soon, Ed Collins, dinner chairman, said this week.

The annual event is one of the principal means of raising funds for organized labor's political education activity. Tickets are \$25 and may be obtained by calling Collins at 444-6510.

This year's dinner at Goodman's in Jack London Square will honor Russell Crowell, president of the Alameda County Central Labor Council. The selection was made by a committee including representatives of the Building and Construction Trades Council, the CLC, Teamsters and ILWU.

Food clerks' pact averts strike

Members of Contra Costa County's Retail Clerks Local 1179 made the new bay area Clerks' agreement with supermarket chains official when they ratified the three year-contract last Sunday, January 27. Alameda County's Retail Clerks Local 850 had accepted the pact

by a five to one vote on January 23.

Altogether, seven locals representing some 15,000 employees of about 500 markets were involved in the final eight days of continuous negotiations with the Food Employers council, held at the Oakland Hilton Inn. Agreement was reached just in time to avert a strike scheduled for January 23.

About 4,000 of the 7,000 members of the Alameda County local are covered by the agreement, which includes the same money package as that negotiated by Butchers last month,

after a 17 day strike. Clerks will get a 30.5 cent hourly pay raise, retroactive to Jan. 1, another 33 cents next January, and 35 cents more on Jan. 1, 1976.

A cost-of-living clause provides that for each .45-point increase in the Consumer Price Index above three per cent in any six-month period the clerks will receive an additional penny per hour in pay.

Employer contributions for pensions will go up a total of 27 cents an hour in the three years, raising the maximum retirement benefit from \$445 to \$550 a

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

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Decriminalize non-victim crime, CLC urges in 'white paper'

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this country,' have all urged the decriminalization of victimless crimes,

"THEREFORE BE IT RE-

Picketing of Farah outlet held legal

Charges that the Clothing Workers were conducting a secondary boycott against a department store chain were dismissed at a two-day National Labor Relations Board hearing in Rochester, N.Y.

The action strengthens the hand of supporters of the Farah strike who have been picketing stores in the Bay Area. Picketing was carried on daily this week at Capwell's in Oakland, the Emporium in San Francisco and San Jose, and Weinstock's in Sacramento, according to Knuti Van Hoven, Farah Boycott director here. She noted that Farah slacks are also sold by Mervyn's, Macy's and Rhodes/Liberty House, all of which have been picketed at times in the past.

NLRB Administrative Law Judge Herbert Silberman threw out all complaints against the ACWA that the union was illegally picketing Sibley, Lindsay & Curr department stores in the Farah boycott campaign.

Similar allegations against the Center for United Labor Action were dropped.

Silberman found that the dispute was over "the means" employed by the union and not its objective. He said that the union was picketing so that it could induce the public not to purchase Farah products at Sibley's.

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SOLVED by the Central Labor Council of Alameda County that local, state and federal laws and statutes be changed to decriminalize the victimless crime, thus

Stored gasoline like lethal bomb

The explosive power of one gallon of gasoline is that of 14 sticks of dynamite, the National Safety Council said in warning that "there is no absolutely safe way to store gasoline, either at home or in the car."

Gasoline vapors expand to fill the space they are confined in. The expansion can split the seams of an unvented can or plastic container and can cause vapor leakage from a vented "safety" can. Sparks from a light switch, electrical appliance, car ignition or short in tail light or brake light circuits will then trigger an explosion.

CLC election

The Central Labor Council will hold a regular election of one trustee at its next meeting, Monday, Feb. 4.

Candidates, nominated at the two past meetings, are Manuel Pontes, of State county and Municipal Employees Local 444, and Norman Heald, of Glass Bottle Blowers Local 2.

Two vacant posts were filled last Monday. Laurel Burley, of U.C. Librarians, AFT, was elected sergeant-at-arms without opposition, replacing Millie Rogers, who retired. And Ferd Silva of Automobile Salesmen, Local 1095 RCIA, was elected without contest to fill a vacancy on the executive board.

resulting in a substantial reduction in the rate of real crime, and "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government again recognize the values of personal freedom and the right of privacy, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the courts and police department spend maximum energies to eliminate crimes with victims while at the same time minimizing the emphasis on victimless crime, and "BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that programs of rehabilitation, counseling, and alternative controls be established for individuals as a substitute for fines and jail time."

(Adopted by the Alameda County Central Labor Council, Jan. 14, 1974.)

Berkeley teachers charge bad faith, ask sanction

Charging "bad faith" in negotiations, the Berkeley Federation of Teachers was scheduled to back up its plea for strike sanction at the Central Labor Council's executive board meeting this morning, February 1.

The local earlier joined in a press statement with leaders of the Berkeley Teachers Association and of the Certificated Employees Council to charge that the Berkeley Board of Education exhibited bad faith when it appointed Dr. Richard Foster, the Superintendent of Schools, as its representative "at this stage" in negotiations.

School directors Marc Monheimer and Mary Jane Johnson were named the Board's representatives last Fall and "some progress was made" when they agreed that they would vote for any terms negotiated, and that

they would not agree to any terms they were not quite certain they had a third vote on the Board. Since Dr. Foster has NO vote on the Board, that "good faith is broken," the union contends. He would have to convince three people to vote for whatever he agrees to. Besides, Dr. Foster "doesn't want the job and is leaving the District March 27, which could further hinder negotiations with Berkeley's fractured and factioned school board," the teachers said.

Judith Bodenhausen, president of the Berkeley Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, joined CEC chairpersons Norman Thompson and James Slater and BTA president Ed Lewis in stating on Jan. 23: "The Board's representatives last met with CEC on November 20 and have cancelled all subsequently scheduled meetings."

Food clerks' pact averts strike

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month after 30 years' continuous service and reduce the minimum retirement age to 60 years.

Health and welfare contributions were increased three cents an hour to provide \$50,000 major medical coverage, increased ma-

ternity benefits, and contraceptive pills.

An aggressive demand by the Food Employers council for a free hand in automating check-out stands was reminiscent of its earlier attempt to eliminate contract protection of Butchers' jobs

in order to centralize and mechanize more meatcutting and meat-wrapping operations. The new Clerks' contract provides for further negotiations to determine the impact of computerization on jobs and the solution to problems which may arise. The union also agreed to the establishment of a non-food clerk classification at a pay rate comparable with employees of discount stores.

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CONGRESSMAN PETE STARK attended the meeting of the Alameda County Central Labor Council's executive board last week for a half hour of give and take. CLC leaders said his relations with labor "couldn't be better"

Ironworkers *by Dick Zampa*

The work picture has finally returned to normal, this of course pending weather conditions. As you know, the carpenters have been back to work for several weeks, and this has helped our work situation.

It looks like the talking stage is over and the Brewery at Fairfield will be constructed. The ground breaking should start by mid February. Just about that same time a large job at Standard Oil should start. This will help us, for as you know we haven't had a large job like either one of these to depend on in over a year.

Your Proposal Committee for the up-coming negotiations has completed the proposals and they now have been submitted to the District Council office. This Committee was made up of all of the officers of the Local. I would like to commend the Committee for a job well done.

We will receive two separate vacation checks this year payable on June 1, 1974 and again on December 1, 1974. You will have to file in the same manner as before. The cut-off dates will be March 30 for the June check and September 30 for the December check, so you won't be able to file for them until some time after the cut-off dates. I have already had quite a few requests for forms to file but there are none available at this time and we don't expect to even receive them until after the cut-off date.

I would like to once again ask your cooperation in sending a self-addressed stamped envelope and your membership card when paying your dues as this does help in keeping things moving at a reasonably good pace. This receipt system we are now working with has increased the work load in the office, and everyone's cooperation is needed.

The following is a list of some of our sick and injured members: Sal Recio, Pat Patterson, Abe Roberts, Roger Damboise, Les Glazier. Gary McDaneils, John

McDonald, Donald Beaty, Virgil Smithson, Jim Chism, Tom Griffith, Joe Holt, Al Borego, Reid Haws, Jack Lomba, Dave Smith, Bill Smorra, Jack Vanden Brock, and O.T. Skinner.

We were saddened with the deaths of Delbert Conrad who passed away January 18, 1974, Harold Graham who passed away January 23, 1974 and my brother, Gene Zampa who died in a hunting accident on December 19, 1973 along with his 20 year old son. Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of these Brothers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members for their expressions of sympathy to myself and my family at a time that was most difficult for me. Thanks again.

Our next regular meeting will be held Friday evening, February 8, 1974.

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Political pot starts perking

Politicking picked up some energy on the labor scene this month.

Senator George Moscone's announcement that he was dropping his bid for the Democratic nomination for Governor released a number of Alameda County friends, who were promptly sought out by other candidates. Local COPE will stay neutral, at least through the State COPE endorsing convention in April, and many argue that unions, as a whole, should stay out of the primary, while encouraging individual unionists to support whom they will.

Officers of Plumbers and Fitters Local 444 hosted a luncheon at the Sea Wolf last week at which Joseph Mazzola, business manager of San Francisco Plumbers, pitched for support of S.F. Mayor Joseph Alioto's campaign for governor, and campaign staffers distributed buttons and hard-hat insignias.

Other candidates known to have some executive officers of Alameda County unions in their corners were Rep. Jerome Waldie of Contra Costa County, who was winding up a walking tour of the state, and Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown, Jr., who only made his candidacy official last Tuesday. The scramble for Waldie's seat in Congress promised to be a rough one, possibly involving a bid by a labor leader in his district.

Two Congressmen met with Alameda County Central Labor Council leaders for an exchange of views. The unionists had lunch with Rep. Don Edwards in Oakland on January 16, and Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark attended the CLC board meeting last Friday morning.

Both were somewhat pessimistic about the possibility of eliminating wage controls or otherwise countering the effects of President Nixon's economic policies unless a "veto-proof" congress can be elected in the

Fall. Both warmly praised the performance of Congressmen Ronald V. Dellums and Philip Burton, and both stressed the importance of supporting the bid of Assemblyman John Burton for the reapportioned San Francisco-Marin congressional seat now held by Rep. William S. Maillard.

The Building and Construction Trades Council has decided to invite legislators to meet with its board from time to time, starting this week with Senator Nicholas Petris.

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Chips and Chatter

Carpenters 36

by Gunnar Benonys

Labor and management representatives appeared before the Construction Industry Stabilization Committee last week to support the carpenters request for an immediate 10 cents increase, retroactive to June 16, 1973.

Management was represented by Mr. Larry Walters, (A.G.C., Dinwiddie Co.), Mr. Hans Wachsmuth, (A.G.C., Williams and Burrows Co.) and Mr. Wes Sizoo, (Home Builders Association).

Labor people were Joseph O'Sullivan, Pres. District Council; Exec. Sectys., John Watts and John Rebeiro, Larry Null and Jack Melton (Piledrivers).

Victor Van Bourg, attorney, represented the carpenters.

Hopefully, a favorable decision will be rendered in the next two weeks. Keep in touch with your local union office for latest details.

THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ELECTION results are: Al Thoman (58), Emilio Rodriguez (45), Harry Yetter (43) and Eric Peden (40) who were elected as delegates to the State Council of Carpenters Convention to be held at Los Angeles the week of March 11, 1974.

Also vying for election were Walter Simms (37), Robert Goodwin (25), Elton Skillern (23), Henry Repard (21), Allan Baker (20) and Willie Simon (20).

ON THE SICK, injured and recovery list are Brothers Eric S. Brown, Juan F. Casas, Norman W. Christiansen, Gustave Christian Erbes, Clarence Garrett, Eric Lehto, Samuel L. Lockhart, Edgar Helsby, James C. Thomas, and James C. Watts.

The following Brothers have answered the FINAL CALL of the Master Carpenter: Wilfred Campbell, 69 years of age and a member for 37 years; Axel Christensen, 72, and a member for 40 years; Mason B. Richey, 84 and a member for 21 years; Walter Aho, 32 years a member and 66 years old; and Edward Miller, 76 and a member for 36 years.

DELEGATES elected from other Eastbay Locals are; Local 194, Alameda, Tony Masters; Local 478, Shinglers, Juan Gonzalez and Jack Grange; Local 1158, Tony Masters; Local 1473, Fruitvale, William F. Marshall, Jack Myers and William Tormey.

Brothers, please remember to include an extra dollar for BLOOD BANK Assessment #14, when you pay your dues. It is due and payable as of December 1, 1973.

LITTLE BITS from here and there; Edgar and Sybil Helsby were robbed New Years eve. Her purse was snatched as she was getting into the car right in front of their house.

"Welcome Aboard" to Wilburn C. Flanigan, one of L.B. "Lem" Flanigan's sons, who has returned to the trade as a carpenter foreman in the area.

Willard "Wild Bill" Evans, up

in 20" of snow at his home at Lower Lake, called to say "Hello" to all the Brothers.

Mel and Joyce Melby flew to Mexico, Venezuela and the Caribbean Islands and returned via the cruise ship "Sun Viking" on a two week vacation.

A.L. Holm received a 50 year pin from his Foothill Masonic Lodge on January 3, 1974.

George W. and Carolyn Johnson took a ten day flying trip that included Mexico, Costa Rica and Guatemala.

Howard and Ruth Trippy (Local 1473) are settled in their new home 2 miles out of Pioneer, Calif. Fishing in the Tiger Creek Reservoir and Bear River is very good. Has lots of snow just above his location.

Tom and Peggy Richards celebrated their 47th Wedding Anniversary on Jan. 8, 1974! They send "Best Wishes" to all the members.

OPERATION PAPERBACK says "Thanks to Brothers Trygvie Jacobsen and H.O. Davis for their contribution of reading books."

CONTRACT PENSIONS were awarded to the following Brothers:

Local 34, Piledrivers, Harry M. Brandt, Ralph W. Carroll and Charles P. Dollar.

Local 35, San Rafael, Alfred E. Pincini and Leslie L. Stokley.

Local 36, Oakland, Alfred Anglin, Clarence Hedstrom, Carl E. Kant, Leonard C. Owens, Einar Rudstrom, Holger S. Thomsen.

Local 102, Millwrights, Joseph L. Antkowiak, Louis D. Goehri, Thomas W. Vollmer.

Local 1158, Berkeley; Rudy K. Hallbritter, and John W. Nixon.

Local 642, Richmond; Theodore E. Baldwin, Severin P. Enstad, Ralph Johnson, and Samuel Shores.

Local 2046, Martinez; Samuel L. Davison, Jacobus J. DeGraef, Robert C. Mallory and Jim B. Shaw.

Local 1473, Fruitvale; Robert L. Fredland, Jesse P. Graham, and Thomas J. Hatfield.

Local 1622, Hayward; T.E. Bright, Hubert Carter, Harlan J. Curry, William H. Drabble, James W. Dugan, Clayton M. Duke, Robert N. Hinton, Court D. Houseman, Robert Knight, Knute M. Olson and Lawrence E. Underwood.

CARPENTERS HOLIDAYS in 1974 are: Washington's Birthday, Monday, February 18, Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, Independence Day, Thursday, July 4, Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29; also, Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Don't forget Brothers, when there is a holiday during the week, then the Friday of that same week becomes a full 8 hr straight time day, except the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Brothers, now is the time for

Bricklayers 8 Barbers 134

by Jack M. Reed

re-elect Mandel

Sam Mandel was re-elected business agent of Bricklayers Local 8, defeating challenger Bob Silva, in balloting on January 20, and was also elected financial secretary over the opposition of Glenn Watson.

Mandel was the only incumbent seeking local union office.

Watson also ran for president and recording secretary and was elected president in a contest with Karl Hill. Ray Biava was elected recording secretary.

Lorenzo Fox was named vice president and Stan Peterson sergeant-at-arms without opposition.

Terms of office were changed from two years to three years.

Also elected in the secret balloting by Bricklayers were: **Union Trustees**, Bob Grahn, Wm. Pollington, and Bob Mazza; **Arbitration Board**, Wm. Hunter, Karl Hill, and Wm. Pollington; **International Union Delegates**: Wm. Pollington, Stan Peterson, Bob Silva and Sam Mandel; and **Trial Board**, Henry Lovejoy, Glenn Watson, Lorenzo Fox, Chuck Toon, and Bob Mazza.

The slate from which the California State Conference delegates will be picked later includes: Hill, Mandel, Pollington, Fox, Watson, R. Buttici, George Bourgoin, James Hunt, Henry Lovejoy, and Earl Wahl.

all good Brothers to attend as many meetings as you can, especially between now and June, which is contract negotiation time. We need and want your views and ideas for the new contract. Will you help us do a good job for you?

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Sheetmetal snips

by Bill and Tom

Hi! Crazy month — snow the first part, sunshine and beautiful spring weather the last part.

I would like to remind you again to read the SASMI pamphlets that were mailed to you the first part of January. There will be a special meeting in the very near future so that our members may vote for acceptance or rejection of this program being negotiated into the next agreement. There is a meeting of the Health Care Review Committee scheduled for February 5th to revise the plan, up date it and try to increase the inadequate coverage.

One of our members, Alsie Pender, had a replacement of 63 units of blood during the last year and the first part of this year at a savings of \$2,636.55 to him — a reminder that all of our members and their families are covered by the Contra Costa

Labor Blood Bank.

We have a holiday coming up this month, Washington's Birthday which will be celebrated on February 18. Our next holidays are: Decoration Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Admission Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and New Years Day.

John Aston, a long time member of Local 216, retired from Golden Gate Sheet Metal, passed away on January 23, 1974. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Regular membership meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Members of the Western States Council Death Plan please be reminded that Death Assessment No. 761 is now due and payable.

Building trades leaders treat Sen. Tunney roughly

[The following report from the Sacramento Bee of Jan. 16 is reprinted at the request of the office of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.]

The senator was there, a visit with the home folks, to talk about things like energy, allocations and middle distillate fuels.

That's why US Sen. John Tunney, D-Calif., was jarred yesterday afternoon when Sacramento labor leaders unexpectedly attacked him on dam-building, jobs, unanswered telephone calls and unanswered letters.

To Tunney's obvious shock, James S. Lee, president of the politically hefty California Building and Construction Trades Council, 350,000 members strong, went on the offensive.

OPENING SHOT

Complained Lee as soon as the more than two dozen building trades labor officers dug into their luncheon steaks at Ellis' Restaurant:

"John, I've never received a telephone call from you.

"My communications have never been answered. I've called your office and attempted to get ahold of you to no avail. I'm still waiting to have my calls returned."

Lee added pointedly as the senator and his staff exchanged glances, "There has been a lack of communications with your office. This (communication) could be a tremendous advantage to you in 1976 (election year)."

Tunney abandoned his steak to respond heatedly. "Despite the fact that Ward (Washington aide Ward Wardman) has put his hand across his mouth to signal to me to be quiet, I have to answer. . .

CITES POLICY

"The policy in my office is to answer a letter within 24 hours and to respond to a phone call the same day.

"I don't know who the hell you talked to, but this is the first time I've heard of it. It is an obvious malfunction of my office. Somebody ought to get their tail

fired!"

Tunney said that if Lee had identified himself as Building Trades Council president, Lee would have had his calls returned.

"We're all California citizens, and we're not much on titles," responded R. A. Caples, business manager of the Sacramento Building Trades Council.

"I don't give a goddamn what a person's title is," Tunney fired back. "I don't think anyone here or in Washington works harder than I do.

NOTES VOLUME

"There are 21 million people in this state. I get 400 telephone calls a day; I can't take 400 calls a day, even if I sat at my desk all day."

Then Edward P. Park, lobbyist for the State Conference of Operating Engineers, attacked from the flank.

The New Melones and Auburn Dams have been held up and labor seeks some indication that Tunney supports the projects and the jobs they would provide, said Park.

"I have never been opposed to New Melones Dam," protested the senator.

"I have only asked the Corps of Engineers to live up to the standards they said they were going to live up to. I'm for the (New Melones) Dam."

ANOTHER VOLLEY

Park was followed by Tom Kenny of the Sacramento Central Labor Council, who declared, "senator, we need 200,000 brand new jobs in this state to stay even.

"We're already looking at the loss of 200,000 current jobs. Any Congress or administration who thinks 8 per cent unemployment is good for you is fallacious.

"You (in Congress) should put priority No. 1 on the American worker. That should be your paramount concern."

Tunney replied with a statement on diesel fuel allocations and the Construction Industry Stabilization Council — a response that Kenny said after the strained luncheon session ended was not satisfactory.



MARTIN LUTHER KING Peace Prize of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is presented to President Cesar Chavez of the Farm Workers by Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the slain civil rights leader. The award was made at an observance of Dr. King's 45th birthday in Atlanta.

Richmond Carpenters

By Bill and Charlie

Carpenters Local 642 will hold a special called meeting on Tuesday night February 26 to decide whether we should go in with Los Angeles and San Diego in negotiating a statewide Agreement. Those are the two other contract areas in California. The referendum vote has been ordered by the 46 Counties Conference Board in accordance with the Brotherhood Constitution.

Voting will be by secret ballot at the Local 642 hall. The hours will be announced in the next issue of the paper.

Nominations and election of three delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters Convention will be held at the meeting on February 19.

IN MEMORIAM: E. L. Tenney died on January 18 at the age of 63. He was initiated in 1940 in Monterey. Brother Tenney is survived by his widow, Linda L. Tenney, of 1521 Richmond Ave., Richmond. Mortuary assessment #122 is due.

Gerald Anderson was in the hospital last week with a blood clot. Others on the sick and injured list and still unable to work as of last week are: Rex Austin, T. E. Baldwin, Henry Brossard, H. P. Batchelor, James Calhoun, Charles D. Carter, Ce-

cil Dopp, Larry Johnson, Ross Martinez, Leonard McCuan, Andrew Patrick, Sam Shores, Ronald Tste, Charles Widick, and Claude Wilson.

ANY 90% APPRENTICES who will be finishing this spring are eligible to compete in the apprenticeship contests if they sign up before they become journeymen. Don Meyers, Apprenticeship Coordinator, wants you to know.

AN INFORMATIONAL PICKET sanctioned by the Building and Construction Trades Council has been posted on the Capp Homes jobs on Pt. Richmond.

This is an oddball situation where Capp acquired seven lots and persuaded the would-be home owners to contract with Bow Mac Construction (Raymond Bowden) of Vallejo to put in the footings, and with Capp to do the rest. The footing contractor's payroll checks started bouncing. He put in the footing on two lots and when he wanted to start working on the other five, B. A. Bill Linck said "no soap, not until you bring certified checks for what you owe the men and the Fund office". They said they didn't have the money. That's where it stood last week.

Watchmakers

by George F. Allen

This is the time of the year when the union office is up to it's ears in completing the Federal and State government forms and reports necessary to operate our union; to mention a few, W-2's, W-3's, L-M2's, D-2's, 990's, 190, 4848 as well as the books being audited by the Certified Public Accountant.

The changing of insurance carriers, as of Dec. 1, 1973, has also added extra work. All insurance claims occurring after December 1, 1973 will be paid by the Seaboard Life Insurance Company of America. We have not received all of the new supplies from the company as of this writing.

Now that the 1973 season is behind us, we can dust off our benches and desks and really go to work.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

NEWS DEADLINE

The next issue of the East Bay Labor Journal will be published on February 15. ALL UNION COLUMNS AND NOTICES and other news must be in no later than FRIDAY, Feb. 8, 1 p.m. Phone 465-1600 with news.

AFSCME 371 UC EMPLOYEES

Our next regular meeting will be on Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. in room 155 Kroeber Hall, preceded by the Ex-Board meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Joseph J. Santoro
Secretary-treasurer

AMALGAMATED CRAFTS

Regular meetings held first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Room H. Third Floor.

Vern Duarte, Financial Secretary

AMALGAMATED TRANSIT DIV. 192

Regular meetings of Amalgamated Transit Union Division 192 are held on the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m., 3 p.m., and 8 p.m., at the union hall, 1709 Webster Street, Oakland.

Lloyd L. Hadden
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

The AC Transit Employees Federal Credit Union is open Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed Tuesday and Thursday.

Milton Hadden, President

AUTO-SHIP PAINTERS 1176

Auto, Marine & specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Leslie K. Moore,
Business Representative

BARBERS 134

The regular February meeting will be held on February 21, 1974 at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

NOTICE!!! January dues and assessments are \$12. This includes \$3.00 legislative assessment and \$1.00 for a new dues book. If you have forgotten to mail in the \$3.00 1974 legislative assessment and or the \$1.00 for the new dues book, please add to your February Dues.

Reminding you that our first

1974 three day holiday will be on Washington's Birthday, February 18th. Therefore our shops will be closed Tuesday the 19th, unless you have a signed amendment that your shop will be closed Saturday the 16th, in which case your shop will be open on Tuesday the 19th.

Jack M. Reed
Secretary-Treasurer

BARBERS 516

Regular meetings of Barbers Local 516 are held at 8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday night of every month, at the Newark Square Barber Shop, 5600 Thornton Ave., Newark.

Al Doyle, Secretary

CARPENTERS 36 OAKLAND

REGULAR MEETINGS for Carpenters Local Union 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland, California 94621, at 8 p.m.

HOURS of the Financial Secretary's office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1 a.m.

Allen L. Linder,
Recording Secretary.

CARPENTERS 194 ALAMEDA

Carpenters Local 194 meets the first and third Monday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, 2201 Central Avenue, Alameda.

A reminder: Blood Bank assessment #25 is now due.

Wm. "Bill" Lewis
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 642 RICHMOND

Regular membership meetings of Carpenters 642 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, starting at 7:30 p.m., in the union hall, 3750 Dam Road, El Sobrante.

A special called meeting will be held Feb. 23 to vote on whether or not to have a statewide Agreement. Election of delegates will be held Feb. 19. See "Richmond Carpenters" column.

CARPENTERS 1158 BERKELEY

Regular meeting of Carpenters Local 1158 are held at 8 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month, at 1970 Chestnut St. in Berkeley.

Nick Afdamo,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1622 HAYWARD

A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING will be held Feb. 14 to elect delegates to attend the California State Council of Carpenters convention in Los Angeles.

Willis F. Voss
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1622 HAYWARD

The finance office of Carpenters 1622 is open Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays ONLY, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Delbert M. Bardwell,
Financial Secretary

DENTAL TECHNICIANS 99

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 1974, at 8:00 p.m. at the Towne House Hotel, (Civic Center Room), 8th & Market, San Francisco. Since this is the first meeting in two months, it is hoped that we will have a good turn-out. Important matters will be taken up.

Leo Turner
Business Representative

GRAPHIC ARTS INT'L UNION LOCAL 3B (BOOKBINDERS)

The regular meeting of GAIU 3B is held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the union office, 943 Howard St., San Francisco. Office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays; telephone 781-5573.

Ted Hirshberg,
Recording Secretary

IRON WORKERS 378

Our Regular Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 8 p.m.

Stewards meetings also are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8 p.m.

Our regular membership meeting is held on the 2nd Friday of each month, 8 p.m.

R. L. Zampa,
Financial Secretary

MILLMENS UNION 550

Regular membership meetings are held on the third Friday of each month, at 8 p.m., in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Room 208, Oakland, California 94612.

A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING will be held preceding the regular meeting of January 18, 1974, for the purpose of nominating and electing four delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters Convention. The convention will be held March 12-15 in Los Angeles.

Odus Howard
Financial Secretary

MOVING PICTURE OPERATORS 169

The local has moved to a new office. The address is 3760 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, Ca. 94611; new telephone number: 654-2913.

The next regular meeting will be held in the new meeting hall at 4090 Piedmont Ave. (between Kerry House restaurant and Kerry House bar) on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m.

J. Paul DeMoss
Recording Secretary

OAKLAND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting of the Oakland Unified School Employees Union Local 257, AFSCME will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 1974 in the Franklin School auditorium, 915 Foothill Blvd., Oakland, at 10:30 a.m. Items of importance to the Local will be on agenda.

The Executive Board will meet at 8:30 a.m.; Board members please note.

A. "Marty" Martinez
Executive Secretary
Brother Martinez is the new Executive Secretary, as I am retiring.

Harold Benner

PAINTERS LOCAL 40 BERKELEY

The next meeting of Local 40, on February 8, has been designated as a special meeting to vote on the concept of one District Council for the Bay Area. The meeting will be called to order at 8 p.m. at 1489 Solano Ave., Albany.

Regular membership meetings of Local 40 are held at 8 p.m. on the second Friday of each month, at 1489 Solano Ave., Albany.

Gene Slater
Business Representative

PAINTMAKERS 1975

The next regular membership meeting of Paintmakers Local Union 1975 will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, in Hall C on the first floor.

Kenneth Reeves
Business manager

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS LOCAL 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held Wednesday, February 27, 1974 at 8 p.m. in Hall A, first floor of the Labor Temple Building.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. There will be the regular order of business.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting as union meetings are a very important part of union membership.

George A. Hess, business
Manager & Financial
Secretary-Treasurer

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Regular membership meetings for Local #216 are held on the third Wednesday of each month, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Third Floor at 8:00 p.m.

William D. Maddox,
Business Manager

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Ted E. Ahl, Secretary

STEAMFITTERS 342

The regular membership meeting of Steamfitters Local 342 is held on the first Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. in the union hall, 1030 Chary Court, Concord.

Doyle Williams,
Business Manager

STEELWORKERS 7616

Regular membership meetings are held the second Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. at Eagles' Hall, 1228 Thirty-sixth Avenue, Oakland, California

Estella Stephens,
Recording Secretary

WATCHMAKERS 101

The regular meeting of Watchmakers Local 101 is held the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room, 785 Market Street, San Francisco.

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Opinion

A.H. Darrimon, retired member U.A. Local 444, sent in a clipping which is being widely circulated these days. It is a statement by a Canadian broadcaster Gordon Sinclair, which was read at a recent meeting of the Central Labor Council. It said, in part:

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. As long as 60 years ago . . . I read of floods on the Yellow River and the Yangtze. Who rushed in with men and money to help? The Americans did. They have controlled floods on the Nile, the Amazon, the Ganges and the Niger. Today the rich bottom-land of the Mississippi is under water, and no foreign land has sent a dollar to help.

"Germany, Japan, and to a lesser extent Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans, who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States. When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up and their reward was to be insulted and swindled in the streets of Paris. I was there and I saw it . . .

"You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at . . . Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when

they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles," Sinclair concludes.

Well, yes; if either nose-thumbing or gloating did any good it would be easy to solve our problems. With energy sources and concerns worldwide, with multi-national corporations taking our jobs and tax revenues overseas and growing more powerful than many governments, and with space travel putting our little smog-streaked planet in perspective, we may have to look for more complicated solutions.

Sometimes our government is too generous in our name for anybody's good: take the fact that while we were using 16 million barrels of oil a day in the United States, we were burning up 3 million barrels a day in bombing Cambodia. That suggests that general disarmament is not unrelated to the means of keeping up our own living standards, let alone raising those in the more impoverished parts of the world.

There is a feeling of impending crisis in the air for everybody. Soon we are likely to really need each other, and this hardly seems the time to turn our back on the generosity and human sympathy that has made us — and at least one Canadian — proud of us.

—M.T.M.



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VOTE or VETO?

The story of the 1974 elections is two four-letter words. One is v-e-t-o. The other is v-o-t-e.

Interestingly, they use the same four letters; they're just arranged a little differently. Interestingly, too, your v-o-t-e next November can free the Congress and many of the good programs it passes from President Nixon's v-e-t-o. Your vote can help elect a veto-proof Congress.

Many Presidents have used the veto power to express their displeasure and disagreement with an act of Congress. Often, the veto has been used to protect ordinary people against the power of the already powerful, as President Truman used it when he vetoed the Taft-Hartley Act (his veto was overridden).

In the hands of President Nixon, however, the veto has been turned into a weapon against the weakest among us. He was the first President ever to veto a basic minimum wage increase, and eight million working poor suffered the consequences. They had not received an increase in more than five years while prices soared uninterruptedly. They are among Nixon's veto-victims.

Millions of working mothers and their children were hit by the Nixon veto of a comprehensive child day care program, millions of elderly by his veto of the Older Americans Act.

More than half a million jobs would have been created at a time of high unemployment by the congressionally enacted accelerated public works program. It was vetoed by Nixon. Another 500,000 job opportunities for youth — the most heavily unemployed segment of the work force — were washed out by a Nixon veto of manpower training legislation.

His veto of an emergency medical services bill, knocking out training of 12,000 medical and paramedical personnel a year, potentially leaves almost any accident victim also a veto-victim.

Nearly 10 million disabled persons are not served by present vocational rehabilitation programs. Many of them would have been protected by congressional action. Nixon vetoed it.

His veto of appropriations for the Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare took away special training programs for 200,000 handicapped school-age children.

Beyond these, he has vetoed anti-pollution measures, housing and urban development programs, veterans health care, pay raises for federal employees, anti-poverty legislation.

Despite his other problems, the President has been able to make his vetoes stick. Most of the programs he's cancelled have been passed by overwhelming margins in Congress. But Congress hasn't quite had the muscle to muster enough votes to override vetoes.

While it takes only one vote more than the opposition to enact legislation in Congress, it takes a full two-thirds of all Members present and voting to override a presidential veto.

The only way to shake good legislation loose is to elect enough pro-people candidates to make sure the numbers in the House and Senate add up to a veto-proof Congress, one that can override any presidential veto aimed against the people.

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Hayward city council turns down McDonald's

Attempts to open a new McDonald's drive-in restaurant in Hayward were blocked last week after labor leaders told the city council that such an enterprise would be "socially inappropriate".

The council voted unanimously on Jan. 22 to reject a use permit for property at Mission and Webster streets, in the face of an appeal by the Franchise Realty firm representing McDonald's. The Hayward board of adjustments had already ruled that the permit would not be compatible with the city's master plan.

Richard K. Groulx, executive secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council; Joseph Medeiros, secretary-treasurer of

Culinary Workers 823; and Jimmy Muniz, president of Teamsters Local 70, were the spokesmen for about 50 unionists who demonstrated outside city hall and then came into hear the proceedings.

McDonald's, they said, is a "parasitical" organization, "extremely anti-union", which "exploits young people", by working them split shifts at wages much lower than industry standards and without normal benefits, such as health and welfare protection. The labor leaders presented a petition signed by 142 persons and making similar arguments.

The chain has more than 2,000 outlets throughout the country and none of them are under union contract, Medeiros reported. Its \$200,000 contribution to President Nixon's campaign was widely connected in the press with the fact that Congress exempted young workers from federal minimum wage protection.

Medeiros asked the Labor Journal to convey his thanks to the local unions and members that participated in the Hayward action.

Inflation at a high

December price increases brought the record of inflation in 1973 to the worst of any year since the end of World War II, 27 years ago.

The government said overall consumer price increases last year averaged 8.8 percent. (Compare with the Cost-of-Living Council guidelines for wage increases of 5.5 percent!) About half of this is accounted for by an increase in food prices of 20.1 percent. Thus a family of low income, who spends proportionately more of what they get for food, was suffering a greater effective cut in their spendable income.

Rally Sun. to counter Sears 'union-busting'

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will be the signal to anti-labor corporations to extend the attack on living standards of other workers in the area.

Sears came to terms with some smaller unions who struck before the Clerks and were supported by the Clerks' walkout. But when it came to bargaining with the union representing the bulk of its employees, the giant corporation made a proposal that represented a cut in income opportunities for many of its salesmen and would remove important controls that existed in the expired agreement.

Some 300 members of Retail Clerks Local 1100, with families to support, have kept up picketing around both San Francisco stores around the clock, every day for more than five months, often in pouring rain.

Recently they dramatized the strike by staffing a 24-hour vigil at Civic Center and organizing mass demonstrations at the Geary Street store, most recently last Saturday, Jan. 26.

They have rejected the Sears offer, which Clerks' leaders say "can only be described as union-busting," and are willing to continue their strike, but they need help if they are going to hold the line against the giant's aggressive tactics.

Abe Lincoln said

"The love of property and consciousness of right or wrong have conflicting places in our organization, which often makes a man's course seem crooked, his conduct a riddle."

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